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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PNG FOREIGN/DEFENSE MINISTER
ALBERT MAORI KIKI TO JAKARTA

REF: A. JAKARTA 14718, 12/17/73; B. JAKARTA 11696, 10/1/73

SUMMARY: PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND
FOREIGN AFFAIRS ALBERT MAORI KIKI VISITED JAKARTA
JUNE 3-8 TO DISCUSS PORLBEMS IN THE PNG-IRIAN JAYA
BORDER REGION AND STRENGTHEN RELATIONS WITH GOI. GOI
GAVE WARM WELCOME TO KIKI, AND AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY ROLE
IN VISIT WAS MINIMAL. KIKI ANNOUNCED PNG WILL OPEN
CONSULATE GENERAL IN JAKARTA IN JULY BEFORE IT GAINS
FULL INDEPENDENCE IN DECEMBER. HE SAID QUESTION OF
ESTABLISHING QUADRAPARTITE S.W. PACIFIC SUBREGIONAL
ASSOCOCIATION TO INCLUDE PNG SHOULD BE DECIDED BY INDONESIA,
AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND. FOLLOWING BASED ON EMBOFF'S
CONVERSATION WITH AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY
ARRIENS JUNE 10. END SUMMARY.

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1. ARRIENS SAID WHEN KIKI INFORMED GOI FOREIGN MINISTER

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MALIK HE WISHED TO VISIT JAKARTA TO DISCUSS BORDER PROB-
LEMS AND CEMENT RELATIONS BEFORE DECEMBER INDEPENDENCE,
HE WAS APPREHENSIVE ABOUT WEARING OUT WELCOME, SINCE HE
HAD RECENTLY VISITED JAKARTA IN DECEMBER 1973 (REF A).
GOI, ON THE CONTRARY, WAS EAGER TO HAVE KIKI COME, AND
PERSAUADED HIM TO EXTEND VISIT BEYOND TIME ORIGINALLY
PLANNED. DURING VISIT KIKI HELD TWO LONG TALKS WITH
MALIK AND MET WITH DEFENSE MINISTER GENERAL PANGGABEAN.
KIKI WAS ACCOMPANIED BY DOKO, YOUNG PNG FOREIGN DEPART-
MENT OFFICIAL WHO WAS ASSIGNED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS IN
1973 TO AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN JAKARTA FOR TRAINING.
BRIG GEN RUDJITO, GOI CONSUL GENERAL IN PORT MORESBY,
RETURNED TO JAKARTA DURING VISIT.

2. ARRIENS SAID KIKI WAS LARGELY ON HIS OWN DURING
VISIT AND AUSTRALIAN EMBOFFSS WERE NOT INCLUDED IN KIKI'S
TALKS WITH GOI OFFICIALS AND DID NOT RECEIVE DETAILED
DEBRIEFINGS FROM HIM. AUSTRALIANS REGARD THIS AS HEALTHY
SIGN OF GROWING PNG INDEPENDENCE AND SELF CONFIDENCE.

3. MAIN PURPOSE OF KIKI'S VISIT WAS TO DISCUSS RECENT
TERRORIST RAIDS ON PNG-IRIAN JAYA BORDER BY "ORGANIZATION
OF FREE PAPUA" GUERILLAS AND TO REASSURE GOI THAT PNG
WISHES TO COOPERATE IN CONTROLLING PROBLME. RECENT
TERRORIST ATTACKS BY GUERILLAS BASED ON IRIAN JAYA SIDE
OF BORDER INCLUDED AMBUSH ON INDONESIAN ARMY PATROL IN
WHICH INDONESIAN DOCTOR ACCOMPANYING PATROL WAS KILLED.
ARRIENS SAID HIS EMBASSY SUSPECTS THAT FREE PAPUA TERROR-
ISTS MAY BE RECEIVING SUPPORT FROM ELEMENTS IN NETHRLANDS
4. KIKI ALSO DISCUSSED REPORT, WHICH TURNED OUT TO BE
FALSE, THAT INDONESIANS WERE PLANNING TO SEND TROOPS IN
HOT PURSUIT OF GUERILLAS ACROSS PNG BORDER. REPORT
CREATED CONSIDERABLE CONERN IN PNG AND FLURRY OF MES-
SAGES BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES UNTIL INDONESIA CONVINCED
PNG IT WAS FALSE.

5. THIRD PROBLEM RAISED BY KIKI WAS RECENT MIGRATION
OF TWO GROUPS OF SEVEN AND NINE YOUTHS RESPECTIVELY FROM
JAYAPURA TO PNG SEEKING WORK. THEY COMPLAINED TO PNG
AUTHORITIES ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC HARDSHIP IN
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IRIAN JAYA.

6. PNG-INDONESIA BORDER AGREEMENT SIGNED IN 1973
(REF B) ESTABLISHED GENERAL FRAMEWORK FOR COOPERATION
IN SOLVING BORDER PROBLEMS, BUT TREATY WILL NOT BE
RATIFIED AND IMPLEMENTED UNTIL AFTER PNG INDEPENDENCE.
BOTH PNG AND GOI RECOGNIZE NEED TO DEVELOP DETAILED
ARRANGEMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT AS SOON AS IT IS

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RATIFIED BY BOTH SIDES.

7. IN BRIEF MEETING WITH PRESS DURING JAKARTA VISIT, KIKI WAS ASKED TO COMMENT ON PNG ATTITUDE TOWARD PROPOSAL FOR SOTHWEST PACIFIC CONSULTATIVE ASSOCIATION THAT WOULD INCLUDE TNG, INDONESIA, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND. KIKI REPLIED, AS HE HAS IN PAST (REF A), THAT PNG WOULD DEFER TO DECISION OF THE OTHER THREE COUNTRIES ON ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASSOICATION. ACCORDING TO ARRIENS, PNG GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE NO DECIONS ON SUCH FOREGN POLICY MATTERS UNTIL AFTER INDEPENDENCE. ALSO PNG GOVERNMENT HAS INDICATED THAT ASSOCIATION WITH OTHER GROUPINGS WOULD HAVE TO BE COMPATIBLE WITH PNG TIES TO SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION, WHICH IT REGARDS AS IMPORTANT.

8. KIKI ANNOUNCED TO PRESS DURING JAKARTA VISIT THAT PNG WOULD OPEN CONSULATE GENERAL IN JAKARTA IN JULY. NEW PNG CONSUL GENERAL, ACCORDING TO ARRIENS, WILL BE KUMAINA (PHONETIC), WHO IS ALREADY IN JAKARTA PREPARING FOR OPENING OF CONSULATE GENEAL. ARRIENS HAD NO FURTHER BACKGROUND ON KUMAINA.

9. ARRIENS SAID SOMARE GOVERNMENT IS NOW MORE CONFIDENT OF READINESS TO RECEIVE FULL INDEPENDENCE IN DECEMBER BECAUSE OF UNEXPECTED SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENCE FROM PNG GROUPS PREVIOSLY CONSIDERED TO HAVE BEEN OPPOSED TO IT. HE ALSO SAID MOST ELEMENTS IN AUSTRALIA ARE RECONCILED TO DECEMBER TIMING FOR PNG INDEPENDENCE.
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